

## Low Income Worker Training Program

- Program Purpose:** To help individuals with incomes at or below 200% of the federal poverty line receive training to acquire additional skills in order to move up the career ladder to higher paying jobs and economic self-sufficiency.
- How It Works:** The program is designed to provide block grants to eligible applicants, who in-turn, may issue vouchers to cover the cost of relatively short-term training for eligible individuals.
- Eligible Applicants:** Minnesota public, private, or nonprofit entities that provide employment services to low-income individuals, or partnerships of two or more of these entities.
- Minimum Requirements:** Trainees must be training-ready individuals who have incomes at or below 200 percent of the federal poverty line.
- Eligible Projects:** Grant funds may be used for training-vouchers; training related materials and supplies; and when deemed appropriate by the Board, up to 10% of direct training costs may be used for project-related operational costs.
- Terms:** Projects average one to two years in duration. The grant agreement must be executed within 90 days from the date of the award or the award becomes null and void.
- Application Accepted:** Applications for this program are accepted periodically through a grant application process. Grant application deadlines are posted on our Web site ([www.deed.state.mn.us/mjsp](http://www.deed.state.mn.us/mjsp)) and published in the "State Register."
- Approving Authority:** Minnesota Job Skills Partnership Board.
- Disbursement of Funds:** Costs are paid on a reimbursement basis.
- Contact:** To request additional information or a grant application, please contact the Minnesota Job Skills Partnership at 651-259-7514 or visit our Web site at [www.deed.state.mn.us/mjsp](http://www.deed.state.mn.us/mjsp).



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